

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-14 and 19-21 are pending. Claims 19 and 20 have been amended. Claims 15-18 have been canceled. No new matter has been added. Claims 15 and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Bitner et al. Claims 17 and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bakke et al. Claims 15-18 have been canceled to expedite the present application and possibly be pursued in a subsequent application.

Claims 19 and 20 were objected to being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Claim 20 has been amended to incorporate the features of claim 15. Claim 19 has been amended to depend from claim 20.

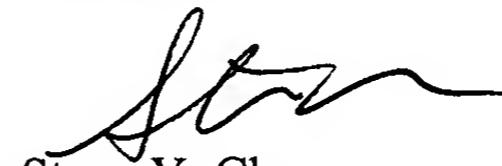
Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing claims 1-14 and 21.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,



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